FISCAL NOTE

HB 1121 - SB 1650

April 3, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Shifts the costs of numerous services from counties to the state and increases the payments to counties for certain services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,610,000,000/Recurring
Exceeds \$4,000,000/One-Time
Decrease State Revenues - Exceeds \$34,000,000

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,500,000,000 Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000,000

Assumptions:

- The state will experience an increase in expenditures for the costs of funding all county election commissions and providing voting equipment. This increase is estimated to exceed \$24,000,000. Local governments will experience a corresponding decrease in expenditures.
- A decrease in local government expenditures to the extent a local government chooses to reduce salaries in the sheriff's department. This provision is permissive and any decrease is estimated to be not significant.
- Increasing commissions paid to local officials for collection of the litigation tax will result in a decrease in state revenues exceeding \$200,000 and a corresponding increase in local government revenues.
- Increasing commissions received by county clerks and county registers will result in a decrease in state revenues exceeding \$34,000,000 and a corresponding increase in local government revenues.
- An increase in state expenditures of approximately \$1,348,000 for the cost of reimbursing counties for expenses incurred providing space and facilities for judges based on 107 trial judges at \$12,600 each annually.
- 99 positions in the Department of Safety for transportation of mentally ill prisoners with salary and benefits of \$6,000,000 and recurring equipment, uniform and training costs of \$150,000.
- One-time expenditures in the Department of Safety for supplies, vehicles, uniforms, training and equipment of \$4,000,000.

- One-time increase in expenditures to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities for required crisis training to be provided to highway patrol officers and secondary transport agents exceeding \$50,000.
- A decrease in local government expenditures to sheriff's departments that will no longer be required to transport mentally ill prisoners exceeding \$1,000,000.
- An increase in local government revenues exceeding \$100,000 to the extent they choose to implement the fee for conducting postmortem examinations. This provision is permissive.
- An increase in state expenditures exceeding \$78,800,000 for reimbursement of counties for housing felony offenders prior to sentencing and a corresponding increase in local government revenues based on an average of 5,333 felons per day being housed at a cost of \$40.51.
- An increase in state expenditures exceeding \$1,500,000,000 for the costs of instructional salaries and benefits for schools and a corresponding decrease in local government expenditures.
- An increase in local government revenues estimated to exceed \$1,000,000 to the extent local governments choose to levy privilege taxes under the provisions of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director